

extend the appreciation of the State of Nebraska to the family of Dr. Cooperrider for a man who accomplished so much in such a short time and had certainly the potential of so much more that we're not going to have shared with us. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. LR 91, Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. It is a pleasure for me to bring LR 91 this morning to recognize Rita Johnson and so many of us know Rita Johnson and were the beneficiaries of her good services in the Supreme Court Library in this building. She devoted 26 years, more than 26 years of service to the State of Nebraska in that library. She was Deputy Director of the library from March 1979 until she retired on March 30 this year. She had a real personality and a helpful attitude aside from her professionalism that I think everyone enjoyed and she worked very hard as a librarian to make the library user friendly. I have been told by law students and young people who might be a little intimidated by the Supreme Court Library that she always made them feel relaxed and she was very helpful and didn't make them feel out of place. She did a lot of reorganizing in the library and emphasized hands-on service. She helped people in the stacks, she didn't just sit behind the desk, and along with all that she had this wonderful green thumb as all of you have noticed and seen all the wonderful plants that bloom up there in the library. During her career she was honored by the Nebraska State Bar Association, the Supreme Court and the Governor for her dedication and efforts on behalf of the state. So today I just ask you to join me in recognizing Rita Johnson and her service and thanking her for all those years of service and wishing her well in her retirement. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Crosby. LR 92, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Withem, members of the Legislature, I think that most of you are aware that Lincoln recently lost one of its very finest citizens, Joe R. Seacrest passed away just recently. And Joe R. Seacrest I think of as the patriarch of one of the very first families of Lincoln and I call them a first family of Lincoln not because they were dominant necessarily in economic power or social influence, but because it was a family and is a family and will continue to be a family